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1. SUMMARY: MAY 9 WAS THE SECOND TIME THAT DEMONSTRATORS
IN LAHORE VIOLATED CURFEW AND MARTIAL LAW ORDERS, FORCING
A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION WITH ARMY UNITS WHO OPENED FIRE.
MEANWHILE, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO DISCUSSED PAKISTAN NATIONAL
ALLIANCE PROPOSALS WITH CHIEF MINISTERS AND SEVERAL MEMBERS
OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHILE PNA LEADERS MET AT SIHALA
JAIL TO CONSIDER THEIR NEXT MOVES. IN A MAY 9 PRESS
CONFERENCE IN LAHORE, MAULANA MAUDOODI, FOUNDER OF THE
JAMA'AT-I-ISLAMI, BROADSIDED THE PM'S ALLEGATIONS THAT THE
OPPOSITION HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM FOREIGN SOURCES AND THAT
THERE IS ANY FOREIGN CONSPIRACY AIMED AT INTERFERING IN
PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MAY 10 PAKISTAN TIMES, IN AN
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EDITORIAL, DEPICTED THE PM'S ACCUSATIONS, DELIVERED IN HIS
SPEECH TO THE PAKISTAN PARLIAMENT APRIL 28, AS MADE ONLY AFTER
HE WAS CONVINCED A FOREIGN CONSPIRACY EXISTS AND AFTER HE
WARNED THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR OF HIS FEARS. OTHER MAJOR
PAKISTANI NEWSPAPERS WE RECEIVE DID NOT PLAY ANTI-AMERICAN
ITEMS IN MAY 10 EDITION. END SUMMARY.

2. MAY 10 NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT FIVE PERSONS WERE INJURED BY ARMY FIRE IN LAHORE MAY 9 WHEN DEMONSTRATORS, FOR SECOND TIME, VIOLATED CURFEW AND MARTIAL LAW ORDERS. CONGEN LAHORE WILL REPORT DETAILS BY SEPT. FACT THAT LAHORIS CONTINUE TO VIOLATE CURFEW AND FACE ARMY FIRINGS IS HIGHLY DISCONCERTING DEVELOPMENT IN PATTERN OF OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN AND MUST BE INCREASINGLY WORRISOME TO THE PM AND THE ARMY ITSELF.

3. MEANWHILE, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO MET MAY 9 WITH CHIEF MINISTERS OF PROVINCES AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS OF THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA). THE SAME DAY PNA LEADERS MET AT SIHALA JAIL TO CONSIDER THEIR NEXT MOVES. THEY ENDORSED ACTING PNA PRESIDENT PIR OF PAGARO'S MAY 9 STATEMENT PNA WILL DISCUSS TERMS OF SETTLEMENT ONLY WITH THE PM, BUT DECLINED TO ISSUE THEIR OWN FORMAL REPLY TO THE PM'S MAY 8 CRITICISM OF PNA PROPOSALS. THE PNA LEADERS REPEATED THEIR FIRM STAND ON THE PARTY'S THREE BASIC DEMANDS: NEW NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS, A NEW ELECTION COMMISSION, AND RESIGNATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

4. IN A MAY 9 PRESS CONFERENCE IN LAHORE, MAULANA MAUDOODI, FOUNDER OF THE JAMA'AT-I-ISLAMI (ONE OF THE NINE PNA CONSTITUENT PARTIES), BROADSIDED PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S ALLEGATIONS THAT THE OPPOSITION HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM FOREIGN SOURCES AND THAT THERE IS ANY FOREIGN CONSPIRACY AIMED AT INTERFERING IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT THE SO-CALLED FLOW OF MONEY INTO THE OPPOSITION COFFERS WAS THE IMAGINARY CREATION OF THE GOP'S OFFICIALS. HE CHIDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT BHUTTO WAS CORRECT ON APRIL 28 ASSERTING THAT THE "ELEPHANTS" HAVE GOOD MEMORIES, BUT CHARGED THAT THE PM'S MEMORY IS BAD BECAUSE HE DID NOT REMEMBER THE SPECIFIC EXCULPATION HE MADE IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH CLEARING FOREIGN POWERS OF ANY ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE PNA. HE CONTESTED THE PM'S STATEMENT THAT THE PNA DOES NOT HAVE THE BRAINS TO ORGANIZE A MOVEMENT AS VAST AS THEIRS AND NOTED THAT HIS OWN PARTY IS THE MOST ORGANIZED POLITICAL PARTY IN PAKISTAN. MAUDOODI DECLARED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD FAIR ELECTIONS TO NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES UNDER THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION; HE ADDED THAT IT IS UP TO THE PNA TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT FRESH ELECTIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ARMY OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION. REGARDING THE EFFORTS OF SAUDI, UAE, AND LIBYAN OFFICIALS TO ASSIST THE TWO SIDES IN REACHING A SETTLEMENT, MAUDOODI STATED THAT HE HAS NEVER SAID THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO HELP BOTH PARTIES REACH AN AGREEMENT. MAUDOODI CALLED ON THE PM TO WITHDRAW SECTION 144, CURFEW, THE DEFENSE OF PAKISTAN RULES, AND EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO CREATE A CONGENIAL ATMOSPHERE, AND TO HALT LARGE SCALE

ARRESTS OF PNA LEADERS AND WORKERS. HE COMMENTED THAT IF THE PM AGREES TO FORM A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT WITH THE PNA AND RESIGNS FROM THE PREMIERSHIP, HE CAN CONTEST THE ELECTIONS. IN CASE HE WINS, MAUDOODI ADDED, HE CAN BECOME THE PRIME MINISTER AGAIN, BUT IF HE LOSES, THEN HE CAN SIT ON THE OPPOSITION BENCHES. MAUDOODI CHARGED THAT BHUTTO'S INSISTENCE ON A DIALOGUE WITH PNA LEADERS IS A PLOY TO PUT THEM UNDER PRESSURE.

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5. IN A MAY 10 EDITORIAL, PAKISTAN TIMES DEPICTS THE PM'S ACCUSATIONS DELIVERED IN HIS APRIL 28 PARLIAMENTARY ADDRESS, AS MADE ONLY AFTER HE WAS CONVINCED THAT A FOREIGN CONSPIRACY EXISTS AND AFTER HE WARNED THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR OF HIS CONCERNS. PAPER CLAIMS THAT SUCH A MAJOR POLICY SPEECH COULD NOT BE THE PRODUCT OF A MOMENTARY IMPULSE OR BE DESIGNED TO GAIN TEMPORARY POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. EDITORIAL REFERS TO EARLIER SIGN OF GOP'S CONCERN: BHUTTO'S MARCH 28 SPEECH

TO PARLIAMENT CONTAINED "SOME OBLIQUE REFERENCES" TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE OPPOSITION, ESPECIALLY THE PM'S REMARK THAT IF THE PPP HAD RECEIVED EVEN HALF THE 25 CRORE RUPEES (\$25 MILLION THAT THE OPPOSITION CLAIMED IT RECEIVED, HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS "HUMAN RIGHTS." EDITORIAL ASSERTS THAT PM SHOWED GREAT PATIENCE IN ORDER TO AVOID THE COMPLICATIONS OF ACCUSING A SUPER POWER, BUT APPARENTLY A POINT WAS REACHED DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WHEN HE JUDGED SILENCE ON HIS PART TO BE CONTRARY TO PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL INTEREST. PAPER HOPES THAT "THE QUARTERS CONCERNED" HAVE PICKED UP THE SIGNAL AND THAT NO ONE DOUBTS PAKISTAN'S DETERMINATION TO BE INDEPENDENT, SELF-RESPECTING AND PROGRESSIVE IN ITS THIRD WORLD POLICY, FOR THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE ON THIS.

6. ASIDE FROM USUAL FEARS THAT MAJOR URDU DAILIES HAVE EXPRESSED ABOUT REASONS WHY USG APPEARS ANXIOUS TO KEEP NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY OUT OF MUSLIM HANDS, MAJOR PAKISTANI PAPERS WE RECEIVED MAY 10, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PAKISTAN TIMES, DID NOT PLAY ANTI-AMERICAN ITEMS. IN MAY 10 PAKISTAN TIMES, ITEMS CRITICAL OF U.S. WERE ON OPED AND FACING PAGES ONLY, AND ASIDE FROM EDITORIAL ALL WERE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON

ALLEGED U.S. INTERFERENCE IN OTHER NATIONS' AFFAIRS. CONSTABLE

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